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FM AMCONSUL KARACHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1473

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E.O 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, TPAK

SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION IN KARACHI

1. THE CURFEW IMPOSED IN WEST KARACHI MARCH 19 REMAINED IN EFFECT UNTIL NOON MARCH 20 WHEN IT WAS SUSPENDED FOR FOUR HOURS. IT WAS THEN CLAMPED ON AGAIN AT 1600 "UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE". THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN NO DEFIANCE OF THE CURFEW, ALTHOUGH DISTURBANCES WERE REPORTED IN THE SITE AND LIAQUATABAD AREAS DURING THE BRIEF SUSPENSION OF THE CURFEW.

2. AN OFFICIAL OF THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER, KARACHI, STATES THAT THE CURFEW APPLIES TECHNICALLY TO THE WHOLE CITY, DESPITE ITS ANNOUNCED APPLICABILITY ONLY TO WEST KARACHI. IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, ENFORCEMENT VARIES FROM EXTERMELY STRICT IN SITE TO NON-EXISTANT IN AREAS SUCH AS DRIGH ROAD, DEFENCE HOUSING SOCIETY AND CLIFTON.

3. THE PNA HAS REPORTEDLY WELCOMED THE ARMY'S ASSUMPTION OF SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES IN KARACHI. ONE OF THE PARTY LEADERS STILL AT LIBERTY IS QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS INSTRUCTING PARTY SUPPORTERS TO COOPERATE WITH THE ARMY IN MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER. IN CONTRAST
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TO THIS PROFESSED COOPERATION, THE PNA IS CALLING FOR A HARTAL MARCH 21, ACCORDING TO PARTY BULLETIN BOARDS AND A NEWSPAPER STORY OF MARCH 20. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE HARTAL IS BEING CALLED FOR KARACHI ONLY OR NATIONWIDE. OFFICIAL SOURCES STATE THAT THE CURFEW WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT DURING THE DAY OF MARCH 21 BUT THAT PASSES WILL BE ISSUED TO PERMIT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS TO GET

TO WORK.

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